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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

News

Student Senate members pass proposal to give privacy to residence hall residents. Story on Page 3

Sports

Softball team loses two of three games in weekend series against Tennessee Tech. Story on Page 12

Sports

Baseball team remains undefeated in OVC, sweeps Tennessee Tech at home. Story on Page 12

Leaving their mark



Sara Figle / Photo editor

Two students walk through a hallway in Carman Hall on Saturday afternoon where children participated in a window painting activity for Little People's Weekend.

'Little people' visit brothers, sisters

By Tiffany Kalousek
and Kelly Manning
Staff writers

"Oompa Loompa do pa dee do..." Just as Willie Wonka invited children to his chocolate playland, Eastern welcomed children to experience its playland Friday and Saturday.

RHA sponsored "The Little People Weekend" this past weekend. The theme was "EIU and the Chocolate Factory."

The festivities started Friday with a dance in Lawson Hall and

continued into Saturday with a fun-filled day of food and activities.

Students were encouraged to invite their little brothers, sisters or any other little person in their life.

The day started at 9 a.m. Saturday with an Easter egg hunt in Stevenson Hall, followed by games in Pemberton Hall. From 11 a.m. to noon, Ford Hall had Easter egg dying and Bozo Buckets.

At noon, a picnic was held in the South Quad. Pat Fordonski, the Little Person's Weekend committee chair, said that free deli sandwiches, chips, fruit and soda were served.

Circle K set up a kiddie carnival to help raise money for charity. A total of \$50 was raised.

"It's a good experience working with kids," Fordonski said.

After lunch, bubbles danced around Weller Hall, and the sidewalks were covered in smiley faces and rainbows. The children participated in bubble blowing, face painting and sidewalk chalk drawing.

Krista Sanderson, a junior art major and vice-president of the committee for Little People's

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Applicant no stranger to housing

By Patrick Guinane
Administration editor

The third of four candidates interviewing for the director of housing and dining position is familiar with both the job and with the concerns of a university the size of Eastern.

Elizabeth A. Joseph is currently the interim assistant vice president for student affairs at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

The school's small-town setting and enrollment of just over 12,000 make it similar to Eastern. Joseph's previous position as director of housing and residence life gives her experience at a position very similar to the one she's applying for here.

"I really need to understand what this culture's about," Joseph said. She foresees getting to understand Eastern, learning what the school's priorities are and learning where the university is headed.

Joseph said she believes housing and dining can help facilitate broader institutional needs by supporting the academic success of students and finding ways to ensure students remain at the university and do well.

One of those methods might include housing students of the same major on the same floor and offering academic support

programs.

Dining services is one area where Joseph's current school and Eastern differ.

Eastern operates its own dining program, where at Indiana University of Pennsylvania the dining program is privately contracted.

As for dealing with unions, Joseph said her campus is highly unionized, and she's familiar with collective bargaining. Students factor into the employment equation as well.

"The RA job is really tough," Joseph, a resident assistant in college, said. At her current school, she met with the residence hall association president monthly and attended RHA meetings at least twice a semester.

Joseph believes in the importance of staying connected to student concerns but conceded that her availability will fluctuate depending on the rigors of the job.

Vandalism has been an issue this year in some of the residence halls at Eastern. Joseph said she supports community billing, which is known as floor fines here, as a way to discourage vandalism. Joseph would look at housing assignments, acknowledging that having all-male, freshman floors tends to increase the likelihood of vandalism.

Student leader says there's big shoes to fill

By Amy Thon
Staff writer

After spending a summer interning with a congresswoman, Hugh O'Hara decided he made the right choice when he decided to major in political science.

"I got addicted," said O'Hara, a senior political science major and newly-elected student body president.

O'Hara, who's originally from Shorewood, has been involved with Student Senate for the past year, but didn't think about running for president until January.

"I started getting the idea in my head that president would be a good thing to do, and I had the experi-

ence for it. It was just something I wanted to do," he said.

O'Hara said he had mixed emotions when the election results were announced Wednesday night. O'Hara's party won three of the four vice president seats. Marty Ruhaak, who ran for student vice president for public affairs, was beat out by Daryl Jones, of the Student Pride party.

"I was really excited that I won. I felt really bad for Marty. I wanted the party to sweep, but (now) it's time to get down to work," O'Hara said.

Although the members of the

executive board are all from the Students First party except for Jones, O'Hara said he hopes they can work together to do their jobs.

"We're all here to do a job, and we need to work together to get the work done," he said.

As a graduate student in political science focusing on American government and politics next year O'Hara will have to balance his duties as president with graduate-level work. He doesn't think it will be a problem. In fact, O'Hara said his schedule of mostly evening classes will allow him to

spend his days in the office.

When he takes over July 1 for current Student Body President Katie Cox, O'Hara said his biggest worry is replacing Cox.

"Part of me is worried about being able to fill Katie's shoes. She's been a model president to follow after," he said.

Another fear O'Hara has about the office is combating student apathy. Only 727 students out of 9,805 students, or a little more than 7 percent, voted in the Student Government election last week.

"Trying to deal with student apathy is what I'm most worried about... being able to get the student input to make the decisions," he said.

One of the first challenges the new Student Senate will face will be to fill the eight open seats.

"I think we need to get those filled right away," O'Hara said.

He said he would like to see a very diverse group representing all ages, majors and groups on campus to get a good variety of opinions on Student Senate.

On the other hand, O'Hara is



Hugh O'Hara

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Local eatery helps Haiti

By Karen Kinn
Staff editor

At about 5 p.m. everyday, people's thoughts start to turn to what to eat for dinner and for today only, people can help the poor in another country by eating at a local restaurant.

By dining at Boxa today, students can give Eastern's Haiti Connection a boost in funds for its numerous projects.

Boxa will offer a helping hand by donating 50 percent of all its sales to the Haiti Connection

from 5 p.m. to 12 a.m. Any order can be placed, except orders for delivery, to fund the organization.

"This is just one of several fund raisers we have," said Theresa Kronenburger, Haiti Connection member.

The profits will assist Barassa, the organization's sister community in Haiti. The group's goal is to raise enough money to buy a cistern, which is a large water container that acts as a well, and a corn mill, which would allow residents of Barassa to grind their corn. Kronenburger said.

Haiti Connection also continues to raise money for its ongoing causes such as water purifiers that effectively reduce the bacteria in Haitian water by 50 percent.

She said Haiti Connection decided to pursue this fund raiser after another university organized one with Pizza Hut.

"Another university did this, and they were very successful," she said.

The Connection hopes to have a good turnout, Kronenburger said.



Duck art

Jennifer Law, a junior English major, gets her face painted by Jamie Thomas, a junior art education major, at Epsilon Sigma Alpha's Junior Duck Derby Duck Race Sunday afternoon at the campus pond pavilion. The event raised money for St. Jude's Research Hospital.

Kate Mitchell / Assoc. photo editor

What's on
tap?

Special events open to all students, faculty, staff and community members can be published in What's on tap. Events limited to specific groups or organizations or regularly scheduled events can be published in CampusClips. To have your event included send details, including time, date, place and cost, to majones@eu.edu or bring a written statement to 1811 Buzzard Hall.

Volunteers needed for spring commencement ceremony

By Jennifer L. LaPapa
Staff writer

Eastern is looking for volunteers for this year's spring commencement on May 5.

Mark Haines, director of special events, said it is hard to get students to volunteer for the annual event because everyone wants to go home for the summer, but volunteers are essential to the ceremony.

Haines said volunteers would hand out programs, help monitor the special-needs seating section and help the graduates with the staging.

The biggest concern is seating, and there is a problem with people who try to sit in the special-needs section who don't need to be there, so volunteers are needed to monitor that area especially, Haines said.

Haines said there are three

different ceremonies; one at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. The volunteers would have to arrive an hour and fifteen minutes before each ceremony, he said.

After each ceremony begins, the volunteers only have to stay for 30 to 45 minutes and are free to leave until they have to be there for the next ceremony, Haines said.

Haines said he is very thankful for the volunteers who choose

to donate their time.

"It's a very important event, and we rely heavily on volunteers to make it a success," he said.

Last year 20 to 25 volunteers helped out, and Haines said he hopes to increase that number this year.

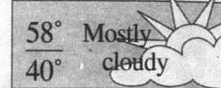
Haines said anyone who is interested should contact Marty Hackler at 581-5790 for further information.

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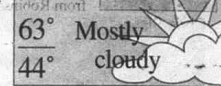
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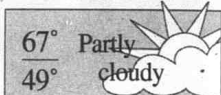
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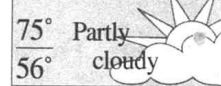
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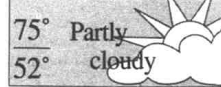
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Saturday



Sunday



Today

■ 5 to 6:30 p.m., Dinner and A Language, French, Pemberton Hall Dining Room.

Tuesday

■ 5 to 6:30 p.m., Dinner and A Language, Spanish, Pemberton Hall Dining Room.
■ 7 p.m., Jim Harris talks on publication and professional writing, Coleman Hall Room 311.
■ 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Campus Perk Open Mic Night, 7th Street Underground, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Wednesday

■ 5 to 6:30 p.m., Dinner and A Language, German, Pemberton Hall Dining Room.
■ 9:30 p.m. to midnight, Hello Dali final show of year, \$1 admission, 7th Street Underground, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

New staff takes the reins at DEN

Staff Report

Starting today *The Daily Eastern News* is under new management.

The changeover occurs at the end of each semester to allow for a training period for new staff members before they start their positions in the fall.



Chris Sievers

Chris Sievers, a senior journalism major from Robinson will serve as the editor in chief. Sievers has held various positions at *The News* since 1998 including student government editor, editorial page editor and news editor.

Matt Neistein, a junior journalism major from Homewood, will serve as managing editor. Neistein previously served as the editorial page editor.

Michelle Jones, a sophomore journalism and English major from Frankfort, will serve as the news editor. Jones previously served as the associate news editor.

Jamie Moore, a junior journalism major from Salem, will serve as the associate news editor. Moore previously served as the Verge editor.

Shauna Gustafson, a sophomore journalism major from Cherry Valley, will serve as the editorial page editor. Gustafson previously served as the development director.

Erika Larson, a junior English major from Rockford, will serve as the activities editor. Larson was previously a staff writer.

Patrick Guinane, a junior journalism major from Chicago, will serve as the administration editor. Guinane previously a staff writer and columnist.

Jessica Danielewicz, a sophomore journalism major from Roscoe, will serve as the campus editor. Danielewicz previously was a staff writer.

Jeremy Pelzer, a sophomore social science major from Evanston, will serve as the city

editor. Pelzer previously served as the student government editor.

Tammie Leigh Brown, a senior journalism major from Aurora, will serve as the student government editor. Brown previously served as a staff writer.

Jennifer Rigg, a senior journalism major from Mt. Carmel, will serve as the features editor. Rigg previously served as the activities editor.

Julie Ferguson, a senior journalism major from Hawthorn Woods, will serve as the online features editor. Ferguson previously served as a staff writer.

Sara Figiel, a senior journalism major from Park Forest, will remain the photo editor.

Kate Mitchell, a senior journalism major from Mattoon, will remain the associate photo editor.

Amanda Douglass, a senior journalism major from Decatur, will serve as the senior photographer. Douglass previously was a photographer and staff writer.

Bill Ruthhart, a junior journalism major from Rock Island, will remain the sports editor.

Amber Williams, a sophomore journalism major from Mattoon, will serve as the Verge editor. Williams previously was the city editor.



Bill Ruthhart

Karen Kirr, a freshman journalism major from Naperville, will serve as the associate Verge editor. Kirr previously served as Campus editor.

Kristin Rojek, a junior journalism major from Schamburg, will serve as the associate sports editor. Rojek previously served as the associate sports editor.

Geoffrey Waggoner, a junior journalism major from Daytona Beach, Fla., will serve as the Online editor. Waggoner was previously a staff writer.

Editors for the summer and spring semesters have also been chosen.

Moore will serve as summer editor and Ruthhart will serve as spring editor.



Block star

Rachael Fountain, a member of the band Turtle Triumph, sings backup Saturday afternoon at the Triad Block Party in front of Ford Hall.

Adriene Weller/
Staff photographer

VPBA candidate withdraws from race

By Patrick Guinane
Administration editor

The candidate pool for Eastern's vice president for business affairs position has been reduced to four.

Five on-campus interviews were scheduled, but Harry Schuckel, who was supposed to visit campus today, withdrew his candidacy. Instead Schuckel accepted the senior vice president for business affairs position at his current employer, Montclair State University.

Ebrahim Karbassoon, chair of the vice president for business affairs

search committee, said she didn't see Schuckel's withdrawal hindering the search process.

"This will not have any impact on the search because the plan was to bring four to five candidates to campus," Karbassoon said.

Karbassoon said Schuckel extends his appreciation to Eastern for considering him for the position and offers his regrets for having to withdraw from consideration at such a late date.

The final candidate interviewing to fill the vice president for business affairs vacancy visits campus on

Wednesday.

David Simpson will interview Wednesday at two meetings open to the campus, scheduled for 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Simpson is currently the vice president for business and community relations at the University of the South, in Seawane, Tenn.

After the interview process is completed, the search committee will convene to deliberate and then send forth its recommendation to Eastern President Carol Surles, who will make the final decision.

Senate shows support for privacy rights

By Jeremy Pelzer
Staff editor

vandals who tore down signs.

Initially, the senate resolution recommended that the RA be put on administrative leave, a punishment that Senate Member James Paton said at the meeting was essentially a paid suspension.

"We need to make sure that something like this does not happen again," said Senate Member Joe Robbins at the meeting.

"A lot of people are outraged about this," said Senate Member Kristen Wooden at the meeting. "We have very little privacy in residence halls as it is. We need to protect what little privacy we have left."

However, senate members later unanimously amended the resolution

to leave out any mention of the RA or the incident after hearing concerns from audience members and assurance that the administration would look into the incident.

Barbara Alde, a senior psychology major, asked the senate if it would be willing to send someone to close the building for the RA if he were put on administrative leave.

"There's a lot more involved (with closing the building) than just changing the locks," Alde said.

Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs, said it was unfair for senate members to recommend disciplinary action against the RA without allowing the RA to defend himself.

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Opinion page

Monday, April 23, 2001

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Options are the best answer

Living on a non-smoking floor or in a non-smoking building seems like the logical answer for people who don't want to be around cigarette smoke. In the same vein, it would make sense for students who smoke, to live on a smoking hall, or in a smoking building. Either way, having the choice is important.

Common sense, if you think about it.

Many colleges and universities across the nation, especially in the Midwest, are significantly cutting back, or completely doing away with, residence halls and rooms that allow smoking. They say they are doing this to create a less hazardous environment for their campuses.

Non-smoking rooms

Students should be allowed the right to choose whether they live in a smoking or non-smoking residence hall.

Eastern has decided not to follow the trend, a smart move by the university.

Eastern has increased the number of non-smoking floors it has, in order to accommodate students who have an adverse reaction, such as asthma, to cigarette smoke.

Residence halls are supposed to be a student's home, the place where they spend most of their time. If students want to smoke in their homes, they should be allowed to. The same should apply to residence halls.

If they don't want to smoke, that right also should be acknowledged. That is why Eastern gives students a choice of smoking, or non-smoking.

Some smokers also prefer to have a non-smoking room. They say they are accustomed to smoking outside, and don't like the smell of smoke on their clothes and in their rooms. Again, with the option of living in a non-smoking or a smoking room, students are allowed the choice of where they would prefer to live.

Eastern is making the right decision in allowing students a choice in their living options. Students pay to live in residence halls, and their wishes should be taken into consideration.

If someone wants to live on a smoking floor, they should have that right. If they want to live in a smoke-free environment, that also should be an option for them.

Forget about what other schools are doing. If they all decide to quit giving out grades for classes, we probably wouldn't choose to follow suit.

Keeping options open regarding smoking for residence hall dwellers is definitely the right choice for Eastern students.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Today's quote

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We are generally the better persuaded by the reasons we discover ourselves than by those given to us by others.

Blaise Pascal.
French mathematician, 1623-1662

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Textbook Rental a help to poor students

If there's one thing people agree on, it's that college students are known for being poor. Most college students live on a limited budget and may all of a sudden be paying for things they used to get for "free," like laundry. A lot of college students spend a lot of money on fast food. Not to mention, college itself is expensive.

Although some students bring in a nice income from a job they hold, or from their parents, some just do not have enough money. Anytime college students can get their hands on something free, they will, just for the sake of it being free. They don't always need that key chain or that water bottle, but it's free, so why not? Free food is always a big one. Events like Quak'n in the Quad and the RSO fairs draw crowds, among other reasons, for the appeal of free food and other freebies.

Students want to spend as little money as possible outside of the things they consider necessary and for entertainment. That's one good reason Eastern students appreciate that they are able to rent their textbooks as opposed to spending hundreds of dollars on books they will not need once a class is over.

Eastern's Textbook Rental Service is one of Eastern's biggest perks. It's set up so students are able to rent their books and then return them at the end of the semester. It works well. Students at other schools have to pay to buy all their books for all of their classes every semester. Whereas students at Eastern pay about \$100 a semester, other college students are paying three times that much.

Maybe the benefit to buying textbooks is you actually get to keep what you pay for. At Eastern you pay money to rent the books for a while, but what's so bad about that? Renting is better than paying full price if you're never going to use the book again.

It's just like renting a movie instead of buying one. If a person wanted to own the movie, they could buy it. And Eastern's Textbook Rental Service functions the same way.

Every once in a while, students might want to own a



Michelle Jones
News editor

"Students want to spend as little money as possible outside of the things they consider necessary and for entertainment."

book they used for class, such as a book from their majors, and at the end of the semester they can buy it from Textbook Rental. But if students don't want a book, they can return it instead of being stuck with a book that maybe they'll be able to sell to another student.

In the past, there has been discussion over getting rid of Textbook Rental. Luckily that issue has seemed to die for at least the time being, but now there is an

issue of students having to pay more money.

The Textbook Advisory Committee has recommended that professors be able to require their students to purchase supplementary textbooks and increases fines for overdue books. I'm fine with increasing late fees; it's a students' responsibility to return the books on time, and if they don't, they should have to pay whatever the fee is. If they pay a lot of money in fines, maybe they'll be more careful next time.

I do have a problem with students being required to buy textbooks, however. Currently some students have to pay for a workbook or a lab book, but those are not very expensive. Student Senate members have said the cost of supplementary textbooks could exceed the cost of renting their regular textbooks.

Student Body President Katie M. Cox said the recommendation could force students to pay hundreds of dollars for their books, which is not the purpose of having a textbook rental system. The Student Senate Wednesday passed a resolution opposing the recommendation, and I think that was the right move.

The Student Senate, however, is not the final say in the matter. The resolution goes to the President's Council at a closed meeting. The council has the final say over whether to approve the committee's recommendation. Hopefully, they'll see college students need to save as much money as possible, and making them buy some textbooks they do not want is not the answer.

■ Michelle Jones is a sophomore journalism and English major and a regular columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*. Her e-mail address is majones@eiu.edu. Columns are the opinion of the author.

Philosophy forum opens door to discussion

I was very surprised by the fact that there were about 30 people who came to the Philosophy Forum in response to my evangelical prodding. I just wanted to say thank you. We had a good discussion, and I appreciate all who were involved. I know I used some name calling in my letter, but I don't really think most Christians are "brain-washed" or "lemmings." Perhaps it was a bit crass, but I simply did it to get you guys to come to the Philosophy Forum. And it worked. I worked. I would like to give a special thanks to Tim, Annie (who poured her heart out), Chris and everyone else with faith who showed up. On the other side, I have to thank the usual gang. Clay, Cap'n Mike, Jeff Doug, Patrick and the lovely Kate for bailing me out of the mess I made. I was very surprised to see Michael Strange there as well. His comments were both insightful and thought provoking. Thanks Mr. Strange. I also would like to thank anyone who may have written to the editor in response, especially the "prince" of men, Jay Platt. I hate at times the debate got a bit heated, but all-in-all I hope there are no hard feelings between the believers and the skeptics. The next forum will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the third floor lounge in Coleman Hall.

Ryan Peterson
Sophomore philosophy major

Finding home for pets can be difficult task

Beginning of Fall Semester:
You've just gotten your first apartment. It's great but feels...empty. What would fill that void? I know...a pet!
End of Spring Semester:

Your turn

Letters to the editor

This has been a great year but Mom and Dad won't let me bring my pet home or my next apartment doesn't allow pets. I'll have to do something with it.

1. Take it to the shelter. Someone's always looking for a new pet or...
2. Leave it on a farm. Farmers always need more cats to get rid of mice or...
3. Put an ad in the paper about it out myself. Someone will surely give it a good home.

Now let's close this fairy tale book and see what really happens.

1. Animals rarely get adopted out of shelters. Imagine your pet yanked out of the only home it has known, abandoned by its person and kept in a cold, steel cage 3/4 of the time. After less than a month, it will be held down and euthanized (killed) to make room for the next unfortunate or, if it's lucky, it's in a "no-kill" shelter where it will be underfed and not cared for enough due to lack of funds and community interest.
2. Farmers have enough cats of their own. Yours will be chased away by the other pets where it will slowly starve because it doesn't know how to hunt, be killed by dogs or coyotes (yes, they are out there), or just die of exposure within a few months.
3. That nice person who comes to your door to adopt your pet may be one of the Random Source Class B dealers in the tri-state area who make their living off of collecting unwanted animals and selling them to laboratories for experimentation. Imagine your pet strapped down so the effects of ingesting a new industrial strength cleanser can be tested.

But these things don't REALLY

happen, do they? Look at your pet sleeping there on the pillow or playing with its favorite ball. Are you willing to bet their life on it?

Roy A. Kubicek
Senior history major

Hot classrooms not a real problem

Recently there have been a lot of complaints about how Eastern heats and cools the buildings here on campus. I'm sorry, but I have no sympathy for those who can't handle an 80 degree classroom. Maybe my parents and my high school were too hard on me, but my father didn't turn the AC on until the temperature (not the humidity) was 110 and my high school didn't have air so we opened the windows and turned on fans and hoped it was enough. We didn't get out of school early because of heat, we simply toughed it out, which it seems is what most of the campus needs to do. This is not a Hilton, it is Eastern Illinois University, located in the weather-crazy Midwest. If you can't handle it, dress accordingly. 2. get a little tougher or 3. transfer.

Further, I was reading the DEN today and I noticed that our student fees were not going to a system that meets the needs of the students and faculty. I haven't done much research on this (which coincides with a lot of articles published in the DEN), but it seems that the current system is loads cheaper than one that everyone wants. What would that do to our student fees? I think a little more effort in seeking information needs to be done before such things are said in the future.

Dusty Sweet

Junior economics/management major

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New crossing lights get mixed reviews

By Ron Henton II
Staff writer

The two new yellow flashing lights installed last week at crosswalks on Fourth Street near Coleman and Stevenson halls have evoked a variety of different beliefs from students, ranging from thoughts that the lights will help slow down traffic, to drivers do not care about the warning lights.

"I feel that the streetlights are a good step in the right direction; however, when it comes to slowing traffic, I don't think they are proven to be very effective," said Lisa Flannery, a freshmen speech communication major.

Some students think the streetlights will do little to help students cross the street.

"It seems kind of pointless," said Charlee Huber, a sophomore speech communication major. "It doesn't help you get across the street faster."

Other students believed drivers ignore the lights and still leave students waiting to cross the street for just as long as before the lights were working.

"It's in the middle of the street. People don't really pay any attention to it," said Erin Bolton, a freshman art major.

"Nobody pays attention to those things," said Christian Stanley, a freshmen computer management major. "People are going to drive right through them."

Other students tend to think the lights and signs are a positive

influence in helping students cross the street.

"It's good because Fourth Street is dangerous," said Jon Woodall, a junior speech communication major. "It's hard to cross that street."

Bryan Campana, a sophomore speech communication major, said the signs announcing the 20 mph speed limit when the lights are flashing is good because people drive a little fast down Fourth Street.

"I'd be pretty upset if I got hit by a car," Campana said.

Aliya Khan, a freshmen undecided major, agreed.

"It will slow down traffic; so people can cross the street easier," she said. "It's real busy there during certain times of the day, so people can't cross."

"I think it will be good," said Courtney Bailey, a sophomore psychology major. "That's a really high traffic area for students crossing the street. It will help people remember to slow down."

"I think they are a good idea. They grab people's attention," said Jeff Mannon, a sophomore computer information services major.

Another student said the lights are not needed on campus.

"I think people (who) are big enough to cross the street are big enough to cross the street on their own," said Justin Sweitzer, a freshmen biological science major. "It's kind of pointless. They wasted their time putting them up."



Memorial performance

A member of the Eastern's Chamber Orchestra accompanies the University Chorus and Concert Choir in Requiem, Opus 48. The performance was in memory of John N. Maharg, an EIU choir and faculty member for 27 years.

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Police search for abducted teen

ROCKFORD (AP) — Police were searching Sunday for a 17-year-old high school student who was abducted from his home at gunpoint.

DeAngelo Williams was getting something out of his car in front of his family's home at about 2 a.m. Saturday morning, when three people in masks and dark clothes forced him into his home at gunpoint, Deputy Police Chief Dominic Iasparro said.

The assailants used tape, bed

sheets and telephone wire to tie up Williams, his mother, Addie Williams, 36, and a 14-year-old girl described as a family friend, police said.

Iasparro said the assailants ransacked the house and stole an undisclosed sum of money, then led DeAngelo Williams out of the house and forced him into a late model Chevrolet.

Addie Williams was able to untie herself and young girl about two

hours later, and called police.

Sgt. Steve Pirages said Sunday that police were following leads, but had not made any arrests.

DeAngelo Williams' uncle, "Pluck" Williams, 30, of Rockford, said the family is trying to keep its hopes up.

"I know one thing, my nephew isn't here," Williams said. "We're waiting around, looking and we don't know what to do."

Charleston's City Council and Mayor Dan Coughlin, will help him next year.

"Being able to work with all those different people helps prepare you," he said.

Although there is a short orientation to the office, O'Hara said he doesn't think he will learn exactly what he has to do as president until he starts the job. But until then, he plans to enjoy a few weeks of free time after graduation before he takes on his new role in July.

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looking forward to setting the tone for Student Government and being a leader for the group.

"I think I have good ideas for what I want to do. Hopefully I'll be able to implement them," he said.

As student body president, O'Hara has several projects he hopes to work on. One is a weekend car pooling system to help stu-

dents get a safe ride home late at night. O'Hara also plans to look into student fees to see exactly where the money goes.

O'Hara said he plans to attend all senate meetings as well as the legislative leaders' meetings.

"That way we're all on the same page," he said.

This year O'Hara has been a member of the Student Action Team that lobbies in Springfield for the university. He said that experience, as well as his experience with

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having fun volunteering. Duffy said that it was "a chance to interact with kids" and that it was a nice change to see kids around campus.

At 2 p.m., Carman Hall hosted window painting. The children had a chance to finger paint on the windows and make a

mess of themselves and the residence hall. Volunteer Beth Irvin, a freshman communication disorders and sciences major, said "just seeing their faces light up" was her favorite part of the day.

Jenny Conrad, a junior hospitality major, brought her nephew, Brandon Baer, 6, to Carman Hall to paint on the windows. When asked what his favorite part of the day was, he smiled and said, "face painting."

The activities wrapped up with musical chairs and other games at Andrews Hall, followed by a 4 p.m. showing of "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" at Buzzard Auditorium. The University Board sponsored the movie.

Little People Weekend was filled with smiles. Everyone who participated had a good time. Katie Hilligoss, a sophomore pre-chiropractic major, summed it up as a "party weekend."

Mississippi River still on the rise

EAST DUBUQUE (AP) — As rain fell along the already-swollen Mississippi River, residents spent Sunday nervously watching the skies and continuing their work to keep floodwater from invading their communities.

"Our big concern is still the rain," East Dubuque Mayor Geoff Barklow said Sunday. "It's been nothing heavy, and if it stays that way we can handle it. But we could have issues if we get heavy rain."

On Sunday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was optimistic that the rain wouldn't cause any major problems. Terry Steiger, emergency manager of the Corps' Rock Island office, said it wasn't raining in a large enough area to affect the river's level.

"It would have to fall in a lot larger area to bump up the crest in any of these places," said Steiger.

A cold front moving in Sunday night was expected to bring thunderstorms and potentially heavy rains, said Rick Kinney, a National Weather Service meteorologist based in the Quad Cities. But he said those rains weren't expected to fall across a large area, and some rain was already factored into the predicted crest levels.

The river crested Saturday in East Dubuque at about 25.4 feet, and was expected to begin receding, Corps engineer Michael Tarpey said. The highest crest was 26.81 feet in 1965.

Flood stage is 17 feet.

Communities downriver continued to brace for possible flooding by shoring up defenses.

"We had the (Illinois) National Guard walking the levee all night to see if there were any soft spots in it," said Eugene Flack, mayor of Savanna, where less than a half-dozen homes were flooded as of Sunday. "The water's come up 6-7 inches from yesterday (but) everything is holding its own."

In the tiny community of Niota, the river was at 19.7 feet early Sunday, and was expected to crest Wednesday at about 21.5 feet, volunteer firefighter Christi Rutledge said. The town's levee is 22 feet high.

"We are building up our levees as we speak," she said. "If the river crests where we expect it to, it will sit right up at the top of the levees but it won't go over."

Rutledge said her family is better prepared now for flooding than it was in 1993.

Since then, Rutledge and her husband poured another foundation so that their house is higher off the ground.

And at each of the stops Gov. George Ryan made Saturday during a tour of three of the eight counties he declared disaster areas, residents talked about what they had done to prevent a repeat the kind of devastation that occurred in 1993.

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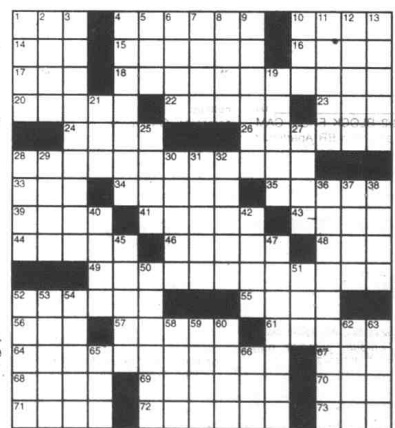
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work to move her record to 7-14. "You saw in the last couple of games what our pitchers can do," Searle said. "(Tech) played with the top pitchers and they're top in the league and our pitchers can go the distance with them."

The Golden Eagles tied the game with one run in the seventh inning which started with a single by right fielder Jessie Sain, advancing Leanne Holley to second base. A double by center

fielder Stephany Dallmann earned her the RBI as Holley scored for a 1-1 tie.

Eastern opened up the game with one run in the fifth inning. Robertson walked to start off the inning and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Jen Herber. Robertson continued around the bases with a Kristin Darnell double down the left field line for a 1-0 lead.

"This was an important game for our pitching staff, our defense and out hitting," Searle said. "Every game could have been

anyone's ball game. These were close games - every single one of them."

Eastern split the doubleheader against Tech Saturday, taking the first game 3-2 while dropping the second game 1-0.

In the first game, Tech scored a run in the first inning of play and another during the top of the seventh for a 2-0 lead, but the Panthers came back in the bottom of the seventh with three runs for the win.

Bridget Nichols singled to center field with two outs and Slama

was walked. Jerri Robertson pinch ran for Slama and Jessi Robertson singled, earning the RBI for Nichols' run. Ninness singled next and Jerri Robertson scored on an error by Tech as Jessi Robertson crossed the plate soon after for the 3-2 win.

In the second game against Tech, Sanders pitched a no-hitter through five innings, which was matched by Tech hurler Lori Bayless. The Golden Eagles found the clutch hit in the sixth inning as Marianne Novac singled to left field. With the bases loaded,

Seiser walked for the 1-0 win. Becker took the mound for the final out of the inning.

Eastern looked for a run to tie the game, but came up short with just one hit in the remaining two innings of play.

"These games showed how well we can play," Searle said.

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Chad Langston failed to field the ground ball as it went right through his legs, allowing Landon to get back on his feet and reach first.

Tech then brought in closer Bubbie Buzachero who gave up a double to junior first baseman Ben Duke which scored Jackson. Bret Pignatiello then struck out on three pitchers, setting the stage for senior left fielder Keith Laski.

"Nickell comes out and starts it off with a hit, we get a break with Landon, Duke hits a double and Pignatiello doesn't get the job done," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "But then Laski walks up, taps him on the shoulder and says, 'I'll get it.'"

Laski did just that, ripping a single to left field which scored Landon and set up the game's decisive play at the plate. Eastern assistant coach Matt Buczkowski waved Duke around third and Tech left fielder Jesse Johnson's throw was on the money beaming the Panther first baseman to the plate, but Duke's head first slide disrupted Tech catcher Matt Curtis who was unable to hold on to the ball.

When the dust cleared, Duke and Laski were mobbed by teammates and the Panthers escaped with a 5-4 series-opening win.

"We've been saying all year that our guys are able to come back at any time," Schmitz said. "And in the first game Saturday they did that."

"In that first game, we played really well, had confidence and we were able to get some breaks," he said.

"Scott Metz threw his best game in about a month and then Keith Laski comes up there and gets another clutch hit for us to

win the game."

Metz threw 6 and 2/3 innings, giving four runs on five hits while striking out five. Laski's game-winning hit was his only of the game as Duke led the way for Eastern with a 3-for-4 effort. Laski and six other Panthers recorded one hit.

In the second game, the Panthers didn't wait to get behind before sealing the win. Eastern scored one in the second and two more in the third inning to take an early 3-1 lead.

The Panthers got three insurance wins in the fifth inning on their way to a 7-4 win. Pete Martin picked up the win, throwing six innings while giving up four runs on eight hits and striking out five. Laski, Pignatiello and right fielder Pete Pirman each had a pair of hits with Pirman and Pignatiello each driving in two runs.

"In the second game, Pirman and Pignatiello were the stars," Schmitz said. "And Pete Martin did what he's been doing all year which is throw strikes and get batters out."

Zirola picked up the save in the game, facing five batters without allowing a run or hit. And it was the senior closer who would prove to be the hero in Sunday's game.

After getting an early 6-1 lead, Tech climbed back in the game, closing the score to 10-7.

The senior closer came on in the middle of the fifth inning in the nine inning contest and would go the distance. Zirola held Tech in check, giving up just three hits and one run in 4 and 2/3 innings while striking out three, as Eastern held on for a 12-8 win.

"It was really very refreshing to see 'Z' go out and do that because it's something he's going to need to do for us down the line in the tournament," Schmitz said of Zirola picking up the win in an extended outing. "(Starter Nick) Albu and (reliever) Jared Marshall struggled, but he came out and picked them up, really throwing well."



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Lefty Nick Albu delivers a pitch during Eastern's 12-8 win Sunday afternoon at Monier Field.

The win moved Zirola's record up to 6-2 on the season. Duke extended his hitting streak to 12 games with a 3-for-4 effort which included a grand slam.

Duke played left field in the game replacing Laski who suffered an ankle injury Saturday. Shortstop Chris Uhle went 1-for-2 with a walk as he continues to fill in well for starter Jesse Niehaus who injured his wrist last weekend at Austin Peay.

"Keith should be ready by next weekend and we're really very fortunate to have guys come in and make some good plays when we've got other guys out," Schmitz said. "Chris Uhle really made some great plays at shortstop this weekend and has improved."

"And the last time we put Duke in the outfield, he looked like a kindergartner out there, but he really made some nice plays (Sunday)," he said.

"It's good to know that even when you have your starting left fielder and shortstop out, you have guys that can come in there and play pretty well."

Landon finished the day perfect at the plate with three singles and a home run in four at-bats. Landon also had four RBI while Pirman finished with three hits and Nickell had two.

While Eastern hit well all weekend, compiling 35 hits in 21 innings at the plate, Tech hit equally as well. The difference in the series was Tech's sketchy pitching and inconsistent defense which committed seven errors in the three games.

"Coming into the series, I said that it would take defense and pitching to win this series," Carroll said. "We hit with them all three games, and we had a shot in each game, but we just didn't play well enough to win."

"(Saturday) we didn't play defense and (Sunday) we just didn't pitch very well," the Tech head coach said.

"They're a very good team and they played very well and caught some breaks, and we didn't. Eastern made all the plays they had to to win."

The Panthers will look to stay hot at Monier Field Tuesday when they host University of Illinois at Chicago. As for the Ohio Valley race, Eastern holds a six-game lead in the conference over idle Southeast Missouri with just six games to play in the league.

"When you're able to sweep the second place team in the conference and go to 14-0, it's going to give your team a lot of confidence, and we have that," Zirola said. "We're really hitting the ball well right now and hopefully we can keep this confidence up right through tournament time, and I think we can."

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15 games down, and what have we learned?

Good morning, sports fans. Fifteen games down and 147 to go, and we still don't know a thing about what is going to happen.

There are three gone from the Major League Baseball season and there are still many questions that surround this campus' three favorite teams: the Chicago Cubs, the St. Louis Cardinals, and the Chicago White Sox.

So far, there has been a reversal of fortune from the preseason predictions, which were that the Cardinals and Pale Hose would be in first, while the Sox would start off sluggishly.

But that hasn't been the case as the Cubs have gotten the pitching that the Cardinals were supposed to have, and north siders have gotten the breaks that the Sox were supposed to get.

The baseball fans on this campus are in the unique position of being able to watch all three of these teams' games, so it gives all of us an opportunity to evaluate all three

clubs, and here is what we know so far, or what we think we know.

The Cardinals have struggled somewhat so far with their pitching and their consistency with prime examples being their game last Tuesday night with the Diamondbacks,

which they lost 17-4, but win the next night in a close one. Consistency is the mark of a good team and right now the Cardinals don't have it, but I think they will by the end of the year.

The Redbirds look like a contender one night, and like a little league team the next. They have obvious problems with Rick

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Ankiel going nuts every other start, and with the health of Mark McGwire. But the fact of the matter is that they have the most talent in the National League Central.

While the Cubs have been the most consistent of the bunch so far this season with the best record in the National League as of Sunday at 12-6. But what Cub fans have to remember is that they have played some of the least talented teams in the league.

But let's not take away from what the Cubs have done so far. They have had some great pitching from both their starters and their bullpen. It sounds weird doesn't it?

The Cubs with good pitching; but it's true. But baseball is a six-month long war, and the Cubs have a long way to go before their fans start ordering their playoff tickets; but you never know.

As for the Sox, sure they won the division last season. Sure they picked up David Wells to anchor their pitching staff. But the southsiders are eight games out of first place in the American League Central and

Wells is 2-2 after being knocked around a couple of times, but did pitch well in his last start against the Tigers. But Wells is a gamer, and I have a feeling he'll turn himself around and lead the Sox on the hill.

The bottom line is that the Sox pitching is struggling.

If they can get some of those guys back and pitching the way they did last season, they should be alright.

Think about it. The Twins probably won't be around in August, and the Indians aren't the same team they have been in the past, so the Sox have the best chance of anyone in a weak division.

Yes, weak. Any division with the Royals, Tigers and Twins is a weak division.

So what have we learned from all of this baseball talk? Well ... nothing, really. How about we say that we'll see how good these three teams are in August and September, if and when they play each other in the playoffs. Don't laugh.

Third

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Pacesetter Invite.

"The meet wasn't too bad - it was identical weather to our meet last week, so our times weren't as good as they could have been,"

McInerney said. "Overall, it was a good, solid meet with competition against Ohio State, Indiana State, and others."

Ohio State finished first with 235.5 points and Indiana State took second with 172 points. Ball State, Southern Illinois and Illinois State placed behind Eastern.

Eastern competed without its

strongest crew, leaving distance runner Jason Bialka home with illness and entering sprinter Jarrod Macklin in just the 4x100-meter relay and the open 200-meter dash.

"That took away some of our points," McInerney said.

John Sipple finished second in the steeplechase by 0.5 seconds with a time of 9:32.9.

"Sipple just missed the guy from Ohio State," McInerney said. "I think he just started his kick too late, but it was a nice effort from him."

In the 5,000-meter run, Eastern finished in a steady stream of 2, 3, 4, 5. Kyle O'Brien led the Panthers in second place with a time of 15:05.29 while Damon Nichols,

Jeff Jonaitis and Adam Marriot followed.

"It was a nice group effort there," McInerney said.

Top performances were also turned in by Brian Beyers and Jacob Hunt in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles with a third and fifth place finish respectively.

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(Right) Panther second baseman Josh Landon is congratulated by teammates after hitting a solo home run in Eastern's 12-8 win over Tennessee Tech Sunday afternoon at Monier Field. Landon finished the game 4-for-4. (Bottom) Third baseman Chris Martin throws out a runner on a bunt while pitcher Pete Martin runs to cover third base.

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 Photo editor



Bring out the brooms

Panthers sweep second-place Tech, move to 14-0 in Ohio Valley play

By Bill Ruthhart
 Sports editor

Coming into this weekend's series against Tennessee Tech, Eastern's baseball wanted to show the rest of the conference they were for real.

"The biggest thing about this series is that we wanted to come in and try to prove something," senior closer Mike Zirolis said. "And we were able to do that."

The Panthers (24-14, 14-0) certainly proved they are head and shoulders above the rest of the Ohio Valley Conference this weekend as they swept the Golden Eagles (20-22, 7-5) who were just two games out of first place entering the three-game set at Monier Field.

"You have to give credit to Eastern Illinois. They made the plays when we didn't," Tech head coach Aaron Carroll said following his team's third loss to the Panthers. "You have to commend them. They have a great team."

The Golden Eagles had an opportunity to win each of the three weekend matchups, but it was a great comeback in the final inning that

Baseball	Game 1	G2	G3
5	7	12	
4	4	8	

gave

Eastern the win in game one. Down 4-2 with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Panthers caught a couple of breaks and showed they have turned around a 2-10 start this season to win 22 of their last 26 games.

Catcher Tim Aurichio grounded out to start the inning, but junior Brian Nickell came up and drilled a laser to right center field to start the rally. Freshman Marcus Jackson then came on to pinch run for Nickell and was promptly picked off first, but Tech lefty Michael Fessler balked on the play, sending Jackson to second.

Eastern then caught its second break as senior second baseman Josh Landon hit a grounder to shortstop and tripped out of the box, falling to the ground. Golden Eagle shortstop

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A pair of third place finishes

Men's, women's track teams have similar outings at Pacesetter Invite

By Kristin Rojek
 Associate sports editor

The men's and women's track and field teams finished third at the Pacesetter Invitational in Terre Haute, Ind.

The weekend meet gave the teams similar conditions to Eastern's home meet last weekend with strong winds, but warm weather.

"We did a real good job, but there was a lot of competing in the wind," women's head coach John Craft said. "The wind was quite high, but they did a good job competing."

Indiana State won the meet with 195 points while Ohio State finished second with 186 points. Others finishing behind Eastern were Southern Illinois, Wright State, Illinois State, Bradley and Valparaiso.

Marissa Bushue had a solid performance in the long jump (18' 7 1/4") and triple jump (39' 7") throughout the weekend with a first place finish in both events.

"Marissa has been competing quite well this season," Craft said. "She has not lost in the triple jump outdoors this far and has been doing a real good job of competing."

Ronesha Franklin came off a season with the women's basketball team to triple jump for Eastern, finishing second place in her first competition of the season.

"Ronesha had a (personal record) of 37' 7 3/4", which was further than what she did in high school," Craft said. "She did a real good job."

Nicole Milici finished second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:16.40 and

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We did a real good job, but there was a lot of competing in the wind.

John Craft,
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Lindsay Spears placed second in the 1,500-meter run at 4:47.70. Beth Martin placed third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 12:06.21.

Other top performances were put in by Cynthia McGee, who finished third in the high jump at 5'4 1/2", Sandy Hussey, who finished fourth in the javelin throw at 116' 6", and Catara Benson, who finished fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.17 seconds.

"Overall, I thought the women did an admirable job in that kind of competition," Craft said. "We were able to improve upon our performances and now we'll wait and see what happens with the Drake Relays."

"We're winding our way down keeping ourselves to our goal of getting into the conference and taking at least third place."

On the men's side, head coach Tom Akers traveled to the Kansas Relays with Jon Bourque, who finished 11th in the javelin throw. Distance coach John McInerney traveled with the team to the

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Rubber game = rough loss

Despite 'tenacity' and 'toughness', softball team loses third and decisive game of series 2-1 in extra innings



Sara Figiel/Photo editor

A member of Eastern's softball team connects with a pitch Saturday afternoon.

By Kristin Rojek
 Associate sports editor

Tennessee Tech battled with Eastern's softball team for the final win of the three-game series, but as the game extended into ten innings the Golden Eagles finished with the 2-1 win.

As Tech (35-17, 12-4) tied the game at 1 in the top of the seventh, Eastern (9-30, 7-11) couldn't seal the win as it took the Golden Eagles into extra innings. The defense of both teams remained perfect

Softball	Game 1	G2	G3
2	1	2	
3	0	1	

through nine innings of play until the Panthers broke in the top of the tenth inning.

Whitney Williams was placed on second at the top of the 10th inning. With two outs and the bases empty, pitcher Adrienne Fortmann reached on Eastern's first error of the game committed by first baseman Melissa Slama and Fortmann advanced to third. Second baseman Holly Speiser reached first base on a fielding error by third baseman Jessi Robertson as Williams scored for a 2-1 lead.

Eastern attempted to combat the winning run by Tech in the bottom of the 10th inning as Carrie Ninness was placed on second base, but two fly outs and a strike out, the Panthers were shut down for the 2-1 loss.

"This was a tough loss," head coach Lloydene Searle said. "This game showed the tenacity that I call on the team to have. When you're tough-minded and have the tenacity, you can have a ball game like that."

Tech put 13 hits on the board against the combined pitching staff of freshman Trish Sanders and sophomore Kristen Becker. Becker took the loss after five innings of

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